

**The City of Springfield, Ohio  
City Commission Public Hearing Minutes  
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – 6:45 p.m.  
City Hall Forum**

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**153-21      Vacating Maryland Avenue from Skyline Lane east to the dead end, being approximately 150 feet.**

The public hearing was called to order by President Copeland. Roll Call was answered by Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and President Copeland.

Mr. Copeland inquired from the Clerk if proper legal notice was given on such public hearing.

The Clerk read a communication relative thereto, attached to which were copies of the public hearing notices. Said notices were published in the *Springfield News-Sun* on June 7 and 14, 2021.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the communication and notice were ordered received, recorded in the minutes, and filed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

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July 6, 2021

Honorable City Commission  
The City of Springfield, Ohio

Honorable Commissioners:

Notice was published in the *Springfield News-Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, advertising the City Commission's consideration of the vacation of Maryland Avenue from Skyline Lane east to the dead end, being approximately 150 feet.

Attached hereto are true and correct copies of the Notices of Public Hearing published on June 7 and 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill R. Pierce  
Clerk of the City Commission

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First Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION

Notice is hereby given that on March 9, 2021, Scott Judy, owner of 1300 Skyline Lane, filed with the Clerk of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, a certain petition praying for the vacation of Maryland Avenue from Skyline Lane east to the dead end, being approximately 150 feet.

Notice is hereby further given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. (local time), in the City Commission Forum, City Hall, 76 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio, to consider the vacation of said right-of-way. Details on how to participate can be found on the City's website, [www.springfieldohio.gov](http://www.springfieldohio.gov) or by calling the City Clerk's Office at 937-324-7341.

By order of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio.

Jill R. Pierce  
Clerk of the City Commission

6-7/2021

Second Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION

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This notice has been published on the State of Ohio public notice website at [www.publicnoticesohio.com](http://www.publicnoticesohio.com) and can also be viewed at [www.springfieldnewssun.com](http://www.springfieldnewssun.com).

By order of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio.

Jill R. Pierce  
Clerk of the City Commission

Stephen Thompson, Community Development Deputy Director, City of Springfield, Ohio  
76 East High Street, 937-324-7674, [sthompson@springfieldohio.gov](mailto:sthompson@springfieldohio.gov)  
6-14/2021

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Mr. Copeland then called upon Community Development Deputy Director Thompson for a staff report. He reported as follows:

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

On March 9, 2021, applicant Scott Judy, 1300 Skyline Lane, Springfield, Ohio 45505 filed a request to vacate the Maryland Avenue from Skyline Lane to the dead end. The applicant stated in his application the following information:

I am requesting today that you take in consideration the vacating of the 60' x 100' parcel to the north of 1300 Skyline Lane. I am a long-standing law-abiding citizen whose family has taken care of this property since my Father Franklin Judy had this house built in 1968. Growing up here this parcel of land was home to many neighbors getting together to snack in the garden. Even to the west end of it was a sandbox that we shared with everyone as kids that is now a compost pile. The neighbors, Roberts and Finney's, that had property that ran into it also kept the property groomed so it was passable between yards. In years past the neighbors and friends also did and the properties north side was not kept up anymore. Fences went up that catch garbage blowing down the street, debris and trash spread in the back half of the wooded portion.

I really would like a definitive property line that includes the 30' x 100' half of the parcel so I can clean it up and know exactly where everyone's responsibility lies. The neighborhood is not what it once was, and I would like to erect a proper privacy fence to keep foot traffic out of the side yard of the property. My wife works early mornings and would feel much more at ease knowing it would be difficult for someone to walk up the side of the house. There have been some security concerns due to our cars being broke into and or vandalized.

## **RETURNED REPORTS**

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| Columbia Gas:            | No objections.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Spectrum:                | No objections providing the utility easement stays in place and we can have access to our lines for any future maintenance reason.                                            |
| AT&T:                    | No objections.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Ohio Edison:             | No objections; must maintain easement and access rights as there are overhead facilities within this existing right of way. Approval conditional upon easement being granted. |
| City Service Department: | No objections.                                                                                                                                                                |
| City Engineer:           | No objections.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Fire Division:           | No objections.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Police Division:         | No objections.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Planning and Zoning:     | No objections.                                                                                                                                                                |

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff members and members of the City Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the request as presented.

## **COMMENTS**

Mr. Copeland asked if there were comments from the Commission.

Mrs. Chilton asked if there were any objections at the City Planning Board meeting Mr. Thompson stated there were none.

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There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the public hearing adjourned.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

  
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CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION